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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed 9/23/05.

2. Claims 1-6, 10, 12-13, 15-18, 20 and 22-23 have been amended and no claims have been canceled or newly added.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-10, 12-20, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buzbee, U.S. Patent No. 5,815,720 (art made of record), in view of Chilimbi et al. (Chilimbi), U.S. Patent No. 6,330,556.

As per claim 1, Buzbee discloses a method for operating a code cache in a dynamic instruction translator, (col. 3:5-29, "FIG. 1 shows a simplified block diagram of a computing system 7 which uses a <u>dynamic translator</u> 15 to execute an application 10. Dynamic translator 15 differs from a compiler in that a compiler produces executable code before runtime. Dynamic translator 15 produces translated code 8 during runtime. Blocks of code from application 10 are translated at execution time. The translated blocks of code are shown in FIG. 1 as translated code 8. Translated code 8 is stored in

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memory (e.g., cache memory) so that each block of code which is executed a number of times need be translated only once during runtime. This approach allows the flexibility of not requiring that code be translated before runtime, but reduces the overhead that would result if a block of code were translated every time it was executed.

(3) In the preferred embodiment, translated code 8 is stored in a translated code cache 20. When translated code cache 20 is full, it may be necessary to discard some previously translated blocks of code in order to make room for newly translated blocks of code. This will require the blocks of code which were discarded to be retranslated if they are used again, but does allow for potential savings in memory usage. Alternately, rather than discarding previously translated blocks of code, they can be stored in system memory"), **comprising**:

that only stores instructions translations generated by a dynamic instruction translator (col. 3:5-29, "FIG. 1 shows a simplified block diagram of a computing system 7 which uses a dynamic translator 15 to execute an application 10. Dynamic translator 15 differs from a compiler in that a compiler produces executable code before runtime. Dynamic translator 15 produces translated code 8 during runtime. Blocks of code from application 10 are translated at execution time. The translated blocks of code are shown in FIG. 1 as translated code 8. Translated code 8 is stored in memory (e.g., cache memory) so that each block of code which is executed a number of times need be translated only once during runtime. This approach allows the flexibility of not requiring

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that code be translated before runtime, but reduces the overhead that would result if a block of code were translated every time it was executed.

In the preferred embodiment, translated code 8 is stored in a translated code cache 20. When translated code cache 20 is full, it may be necessary to discard some previously translated blocks of code in order to make room for newly translated blocks of code. This will require the blocks of code which were discarded to be retranslated if they are used again, but does allow for potential savings in memory usage. Alternately, rather than discarding previously translated blocks of code, they can be stored in system memory").

Buzbee does not explicitly disclose:

- storing a plurality of instruction translations in a cold partition in a code cache memory,
- determining whether the instruction translation that has been stored in the cold partition is hot,
- moving the instruction translation to a hot partition in the code cache memory when an instruction translation has been determined to be hot.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses:

- storing a plurality of instruction translations in a cold partition in a code cache memory (col. 2 lines 39-43, "the most heavily referenced (data) ... are kept in a hot

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(memory location) ... while the remaining (data) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)"),

- determining whether the instruction translation that has been stored in the cold partition is hot (col. 2 lines 39-43, "the most heavily referenced (data) ... are kept in a hot (memory location) ... while the remaining (data) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)"),
- moving the instruction translation to a hot partition in the code cache memory when an instruction translation has been determined to be hot (col. 2 lines 37-43, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (data) ... access counts ... the most heavily referenced (data are placed) ... in a hot (memory location) ... while the remaining (data) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have:

- storing a plurality of instruction translations in a cold partition in a code cache memory,
- determining whether the instruction translation that has been stored in the cold partition is hot,
- moving the instruction translation to a hot partition in the code cache memory when an instruction translation has been determined to be hot. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would

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have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 2, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose that the step of determining whether the instruction translation is hot comprises: maintaining a different associated counter for each of a plurality of instruction translation in the cold partition of the code cache memory; incrementing or decrementing the count in the associated counter each time its associated instruction translations is executed; and concluding the determination that a instruction translations is hot if the count in the associated counter reaches a first threshold value.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses that the step of determining whether the instruction translation is hot comprises: maintaining a different associated counter for each of a plurality of instruction translation in the cold partition of the code cache memory; incrementing or decrementing the count in the associated counter each time its associated instruction translations is executed; and concluding the determination that a instruction translations is hot if the count in the associated counter reaches a first threshold value (col. 2 lines 37-43, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (instruction translations) ... access counts ... the most heavily (executed instruction translations) ...

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are kept in a hot (memory location) ... while the remaining (instruction translations) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have the step of determining whether the instruction translation is hot comprises: maintaining a different associated counter for each of a plurality of instruction translation in the cold partition of the code cache memory; incrementing or decrementing the count in the associated counter each time its associated instruction translations is executed; and concluding the determination that a instruction translations is hot if the count in the associated counter reaches a first threshold value. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 3, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose that the **hot partition is contiguous and disjoint from said cold partition in said code cache memory**.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses that the hot partition is contiguous and disjoint from said cold partition in said code cache memory (col. 3 lines 65-67, "division of (instruction translations) into two (groups)

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comprising hot access fields and cold access fields", and Fig. 1, item 22, and the associated text (e.g. col. 4 line 5 – col. 5 line 67), describes the computer memory used in this system, which is capable of containing contiguous and disjoint memory sections).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have a **hot partition that is contiguous and disjoint from said cold partition in said code cache memory**. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 4, the rejection of claim 2, is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose maintaining an associated counter step comprises maintaining counters in a data structure external to code cache memory.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses **maintaining an** associated counter step comprises maintaining counters in a data structure external to code cache memory (col. 2 lines 37-39, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (instruction translations) ... access counts", and Fig. 1, item 20, and the associated text (e.g. col. 4 line 5 – col. 5 line 67), describes a conventional computer system, which is capable of maintaining counters external to cache memory).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have maintaining an associated counter step comprises maintaining counters in a data structure external to code cache memory. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 5, the rejection of claim 4 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose the step of at least temporarily delinking blocks of translations stored in said cold partition so that control exits the code cache memory in order to perform the incrementing or decrementing step.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses the step of at least temporarily delinking blocks of translations stored in said cold partition so that control exits the code cache memory in order to perform the incrementing or decrementing step (col. 2 lines 35-36, "Data structures (blocks) are partitioned (delinked and accounted for) into heavily referenced and less heavily references partitions").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the

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system of Buzbee to have the step of at least temporarily delinking blocks of translations stored in said cold partition so that control exits the code cache memory in order to perform the incrementing or decrementing step. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 6, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose that maintaining within said memory an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each entry point into a plurality of the instruction translations in said cold partition of the code cache memory.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses that maintaining within said memory an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each entry point into a plurality of the instruction translations in said cold partition of the code cache memory (col. 2 lines 37-39, "The partitioning is based on profile information (maintained in the memory) about (instruction translations) ... access counts").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the

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system of Buzbee to have maintaining within said memory an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each entry point into a plurality of the instruction translations in said cold partition of the code cache memory. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 7, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose maintaining an associated counter step comprises logically embedding update code on an arc between two instruction translations.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses maintaining an associated counter step comprises logically embedding update code on an arc between two instruction translations, items (col. 6 lines 58-63, "Each of the data elements defined in FIG. 2 are shown as nodes (i.e. individual data items) in FIG. 3 with arcs or edges drawn between them. The nodes are representative of all instances of the data structure. The edges are weighted to indicate field affinity (i.e. an associated counter)").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have maintaining an associated counter step comprises

logically embedding update code on an arc between two instruction translations. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 8, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose maintaining an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each item in the hot and cold memory locations in an associated microprocessor.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses maintaining an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each item in the hot and cold memory locations in an associated microprocessor (col. 2 lines 37-43, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (instruction translations) ... access counts ... the most heavily referenced (instruction translations) ... are kept in a hot (memory location) ... while the remaining (instruction translations) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have maintaining an associated counter step comprises maintaining one of said associated counters for each item in the hot and cold

memory locations in an associated microprocessor. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 9, the rejection of claim 2 is incorporated and further, Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose that the instruction translations moving step comprises sampling a plurality of said associated counters on an intermittent basis to determine if the count therein has reached said threshold value.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment, discloses that the instruction translations moving step comprises sampling a plurality of said associated counters on an intermittent basis to determine if the count therein has reached said threshold value (col. 2 lines 37-43, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (instruction translations) ... access counts (which is sampled on an intermittent basis, then) ... the most heavily (executed instruction translations) ... are (placed) in a hot (memory location) ... while the remaining (instruction translations) ... are placed in a ... cold (memory location)").

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have moving step comprises sampling a plurality of said

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reached said threshold value. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 10, the rejection of claim 1 is incorporated and further, (Buzbee doesn't explicitly disclose determining if a number of hot instruction translations in said hot partition of said code cache memory exceeds a second threshold value; and if said number of said hot instruction translations exceeds said second threshold value, then expanding the size of said hot partition in said code cache memory by adding thereto an expansion area contiguous to said hot partition.

However, Chilimbi, in an analogous environment,)Buzbee discloses determining if a number of hot instruction translations in said hot partition of said code cache memory exceeds a second threshold value; and if said number of said hot instruction translations exceeds said second threshold value, then expanding the size of said hot partition in said code cache memory by adding thereto an expansion area contiguous to said hot partition (col. 2 lines 37-39, "The partitioning is based on profile information about (instruction translations) ... access counts", and Fig. 1, item 20, and the associated text (e.g. col. 4 line 5 – col. 5 line 67), describes a

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conventional computer system, which creates and modifies numerous memory partitions).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Chilimbi into the system of Buzbee to have a determining if a number of hot instruction translations in said hot partition of said code cache memory exceeds a second threshold value; and if said number of said hot instruction translations exceeds said second threshold value, then expanding the size of said hot partition in said code cache memory by adding thereto an expansion area contiguous to said hot partition. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would have wanted to fully exploit the performance advantages of using the well-known and well documented hot/cold cache for instruction translations and any other type of code/data that would benefit from an optimized caching scheme, (Chilimbi, 1:49-2:56 and 18:64-19:59).

As per claim 12, the Buzbee/Chilimbi also discloses such claimed limitations as addressed in claim 2, above.

As per claims 13-20 and 22 this is a system version of the claimed method discussed above, in claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 12, wherein all claimed limitations have also been addressed and/or cited as set forth above. For example, see the Buzbee/Chilimbi combination, (Buzbee, col. 3:8-25 and Chilimbi, col. 2:35-56).

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As per claim 23, this is a product version of the claimed method discussed above, in claim 1, wherein all claimed limitations have also been addressed and/or cited as set forth above. For example, see the Buzbee/Chilimbi combination, (Buzbee, col. 3:8-25 and Chilimbi, col. 2:35-56).

4. Claims 11 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Buzbee, U.S. Patent No. 5,815,720 (art made of record), in view of Chilimbi et al. (Chilimbi), U.S. Patent No. 6,330,556, further in view of Walls, U.S. Patent No. 5,675,790.

As per claim 11, the rejection of claim 10 is incorporated and further the Buzbee/Chilimbi combination does not explicitly disclose **removing all cold** translations from said expansion area and storing said removed translations in said cold partition.

However, Walls, in an analogous environment, discloses **removing all** less-desirable data entries from a dynamic memory **area and storing said removed** instruction translations in a separate location (col. 8 lines 36-39, "If the segment (instruction translations) is smaller than the minimum size (less-desirable) then remove the segment from the (section of) dynamic memory ... (and) insert the segment into a separate (location)").

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Walls into the Buzbee/Chilimbi system to enable removing all cold translations from said expansion area and storing said removed translations in said cold partition. The modification would have been obvious because one of ordinary skill in the art would want to maintain the temporal access advantages by keeping the less-desirable data items together and separate from both the most and least desirable data items.

As per claim 21, the Buzbee/Chilimbi/Walls combination also discloses such claimed limitations as addressed in claim 11, above.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 10, 13, 20 & 23 have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andre R. Fowlkes whose telephone number is (571) 272-3697. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571)272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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